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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M.L. Dopps et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE116173
Application No.: 09/666,213 Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: September 21, 2000 Examiner: J.F. Stephens
Title: ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING FIBROUS BANDS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	50	Minus	73	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	6	Minus	11	=	0	x	86	=	0.00

Total Additional Fee
for this Amendment \$0.00

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B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 12, 2003, set to expire on November 12, 2003, be extended by 1 month, to expire on December 12, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$110.00.

C. Fees Enclosed

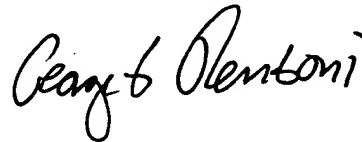
Enclosed is our Check No. 152559 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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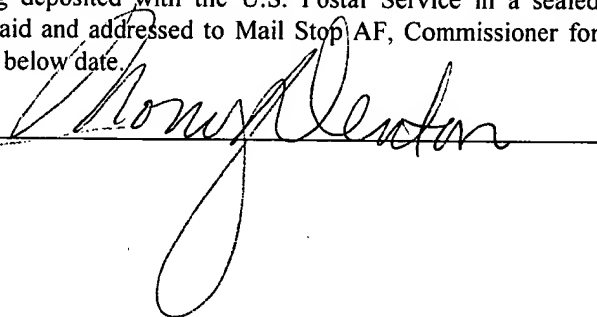


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